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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents and School Board Members
FROM: Rebecca Holcombe, Secretary, Agency of Education
SUBJECT: Act 153 of 2010 – Transportation Services
DATE: November 12, 2014

As of July 1, 2014, under Act 153 of 2010, **supervisory union boards are responsible for** providing or arranging for the provision of transportation in any districts within the supervisory union in which it is offered. This means the responsibility for paying for transportation services resides with the supervisory union, whether by operating the service at the SU level or arranging at the SU level for the service through one or more contracts.

The purpose of this Act was to achieve efficiencies through scale in the delivery of transportation services. The efficiency of transportation services is to be evaluated from the perspective of the supervisory union as a whole, and not from the perspective of individual districts, and individual districts should not operate their own transportation systems at a cost greater than the cost at which the service could be provided by the supervisory union.

If your supervisory union is not in compliance, you must obtain a waiver from the Secretary. This waiver must demonstrate, from the perspective of the entire supervisory union, how those services can be provided more efficiently and effectively in another manner. To request a waiver, please submit to Vaughn Altemus, the description of the alternate manner for providing transportation with evidence of why this manner is more effective and efficient for the supervisory union. We expect these waivers to be rare.

If you have any questions, please contact Vaughn Altemus at Vaughn.Altemus@state.vt.us or via phone at 802-479-1744.